

## Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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The recommendation of the split septum caps for intravenous catheters by the CDC is concerning. These caps are "old technology" which requires many parts for the system to be used successfully. The caps also allow regular needles to be used thus eliminating the "needleless component" of the system. Although this is an educational issue for the user, the potential to deviate from the needleless system is extremely easy. Any "needleless system" should make it as difficult as possible for the user to stray from the process. When nurses are busy they will probably use what is handy, which in this case may be a "sharp" needle rather than a blunt needle. Our hospital has been utilizing the clear Maxi Plus caps successfully for over a year with no sharp injuries. I feel the recommendation for this type of access device should be reconsidered. Thank you for your time and attention.

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